

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING



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God is the giver of all good things. Are you willing to wait for him to bring them to fruition?

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. When we read this passage in James chapter 1:17, many of us I am sure only think about the good and perfect gifts that we will receive from God, and not the gifts that he will give us to use to bring Him honor and glory. But, we are reminded in Romans chapter 12, that, "Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly to the proportion of his faith." Sometimes, we are in possession on these gifts and don't even realize it. Many times, these gifts have instant benefits, and sometimes these gifts need to be developed. Have you yet realized the gift that God has given you? Is your gift work in progress? Are you willing to wait for God to bring it to fruition? Many people missed out on the benefits of their gifts, because they got tired of waiting on God and started running after the gift God intended for someone else. The gifts that God have given to us have our names written all over them. Your gift is unique. It may seem like you have the same gift as the other person, but God intended for it to be used differently. Do you realize that if you gave six people the same recipe the end result would be slightly different? Why? Because the skill set used to complete the task will be the same, but each individual would use them differently. So too are the gifts God has for us, they were meant to use in the way he chose, and when we deviate from his purpose the end result is not always what we

had imagined. We are disappointed. Therefore, wait on the Lord, stick with the gift that He has given you and perfect it for his glory. If God has given you the gift of teaching, teach well, if He has given you the gift of service, serve well, and if he has given you the gift of kindness, be kind to all. Whatever your gift may be, it's important that you understand it, accept it, and use it wisely, for it was not given for your enjoyment only, but to bring honor and glory to God's name. The gifts that we have must be use for edification, to lift others up. All that being said, how could you use the gifts that you have to be a blessing to others? Ask God to show you how to use these resources rightly, ask Him to position you where these resources could be most beneficial to others. If you have the gift of caring, make yourself available to someone who is hurting, if you have a gift of teaching, offer to help a single mother tutor her child who is failing in school, if you have the gift of singing, join the choir in your church, there must be some way that you could use your gifts to bring honor and glory to God's name. Many of us are no longer able to use the gifts we have the way God intended them too, and it's all because they have not been put to good use. We have often heard it said, "If you don't use, you will lose it." So, do you intend to use your gift or lose your gift? The choice is yours, the more you use the gift you have, it will be perfected by God, and more people will be blessed and encouraged by it. But, whatever you do with the gifts that you have, be sure to use them rightly, do all for the glory of God.

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I will no more worry about the things in my life I cannot control, I will take my burdens to the Lord and leave them there.

“Come unto me all ye who travail and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” My brothers and sisters in Christ, how weary are you? Do you trust in God to handle all of your worries? Do you know that God will sustain you through every problem that you will face? Well, God cannot sustain you if do not trust him, if you fail to come to him, to lean on him, to bring all of your burdens to him. There are so many things in our lives that we allow to control us; we worry so much about them that they begin to direct our thoughts and actions. We must instead learn to let go of the burdensome things in our lives that we can no longer control, and give them over to God. He said, I will refresh you, I will give you rest from every turmoil. But, do we believe this? No! If we did, we would not be worried about the things we cannot control. I have always said,

that whatever my lot in life, I will shout from the rooftop that it is well with my soul. I will give you an example – none of us know what tomorrow will bring, whether prosperity, sickness, life, or death, only God knows, so if tomorrow comes, and I am faced with a situation that I had no control over to begin with, my first reaction should be this, “Lord, I place this situation in your hands, you alone have the power to make this right, and if this is your will, thy will be done. Amen.” Be courageous; if it is a job that you have lost, start looking for a new one, but if it is a situation that you cannot fix on your own, accept it, don’t fight it, and ask God to take control. My prayer is, that beginning today, you and I will no longer worry about the things in our lives that we cannot control; but instead, learn to take our burdens to the Lord and leave them there.



Come to Jesus. He will give you rest from every turmoil.

I was weakened by the trials I have been through, but now I am stronger to face the trial I am going through.

When we learn to embrace the trials in our lives, we will survive and we will not only become better but stronger. We read in Zechariah 13:9 – “And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, “The Lord is my God.” The trials that we go through are only to test our faith. So, if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, you will receive the promise of God. When we encounter struggles in our lives, if we are faithful, God will sustain us, he will not allow the struggle to break us, but strengthen us. Many never experience this strength, because they allow the struggle to break

them, instead of holding on and trusting in God to bring them through. But, for those who were weakened, but not broken, by the trials they have been through, they are now stronger and able to face the trial they are going through; for with each trial we overcome, God strengthens us for the next challenge. I once read a quote from Ernest Hemingway which said, “The world breaks everyone apart, but afterward, some are stronger in the broken places. Yes! Life will at times weaken us, it may even break us, but we must not lose heart, we must be courageous, and have faith in God, for blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love and trust him.

I AM STRONG

I could face any problem with God by my side.

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You have been in that place too long, it's time to move on. Get up and out of your comfort zone.

Have you ever felt like you have been in a place too long? Many of us have become complacent in our situations and as a result we find ourselves stuck in a rut going nowhere. The situation could be a relationship, a job, a project you've started, and especially in your walk with God. Too many of us got saved and just stayed safe – We remain in our comfort zones, we have no desire to step out in faith, we have no ministry, we have no zeal for God, we just play it safe. When we get stuck in our comfort zones, we become unproductive, and most times we need a jumpstart, a way to recharge and get going, and the sooner we acknowledge this, the sooner we will be able to get back on track. When we have been in a place for too long, it is easy to get caught up in what has become normal and not necessarily what is right or good for us, even the wrong things that we do

seem right to us, we become accepting without even realizing it. If I am talking to you in this article, then you know for sure you have been in that place for too long and it's time to move on. But, where would you begin? If you have become complacent in your walk with God, you know, but it just seems easier to stay there than to start all over again. But know that the longer you stay in this situation, the farther away from God you will become. It's no wonder the wrong things that you are doing now seems right to you. Your conscience no longer convicts you when you walk out of God's way, you fit right into the desert places you once lived, your walk with God is at a standstill, it's time to return to the Lord. Dear Lord, I acknowledge that I have been in this place too long, I need a new start, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me to serve you. Amen!

**GET A
MOVE ON**

I've been comfortable here too long.

Most times we only see the problem, but never the blessing in it. Look beyond the problem to see the blessing.

Whenever I am faced with a problem, I will admit, that sometimes, if the problem is one that was brewing for a while, I am able recognize it as the trial it is, and later to see the good in it, but, if it comes upon me unawares, if it catches me off-guard, I become worried for an instant; but I am learning now and trying to enforce, prayer before fear. As Christians, our first reaction to our problems should be prayer, but we become fearful, and we miss the message which comes in the messes that God is trying to clean up in our lives; we lose our focus, we become fearful and not in a God-fearing way. We need to understand that in every problem there is a lesson to be learned. We must not allow ourselves become so

lost in the situation that we fail to understand the lesson or the blessing in it. We allow the situations to control us, to make us sick with worry, when we should be trusting in God who is in control of our lives. Many times our problems are blessings in disguise, they are sometimes setbacks, which set us up for the future, sometimes they are roadblocks which prevent us from making wrong turns, and sometimes they are warning signs to protect us. There is a reason for everything that happens under the sun, be it good or bad, God is not a god who makes mistakes, and all the time there is a message in the messes that we face. We must learn to see the blessing in them.



I am looking beyond my problems.

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Songs have a way of lifting me up when I am feeling down. Here is one of my favorites as our featured adult song:

Speak Lord In The Stillness

Written by: *E. May Grimes—1920*

Speak, Lord, in the stillness, while I wait on Thee;
Hush my heart to listen, In expectancy.

Speak, O blessed Master, In this quiet hour;
Let me see Thy face, Lord, feel Thy touch of power.

For the words Thou speakest, they are life' indeed;
Living Bread from heaven, now on my spirit feed!

All to Thee is yielded, I am not my own;
Blissful, glad surrender—I am Thine alone.

Speak, Thy servant heareth! Be not silent, Lord;
Waits my soul upon Thee, for the quickening word!



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE DESK OF JEWELLYN GREER

Fill my cup Lord, I am daily thirsting for you.

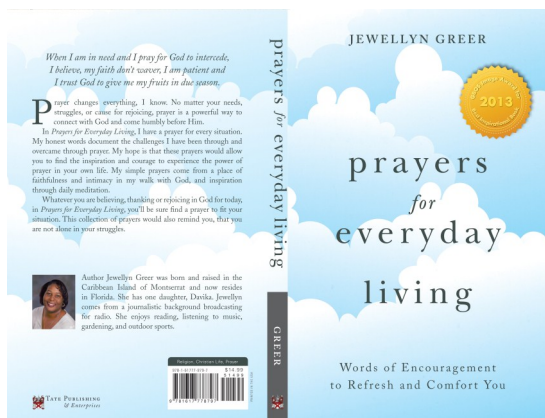
I give God my first thoughts each day and all throughout the day, he finds ways to lift me up.

Lord, you are our father who knows how to give us good gifts, things we do not deserve or earn, you give to us,
therefore, hallowed be your name.

It's such a wonderful confession to make - I am not who I used to be, for God is daily changing me. Thank you, Lord!

Give God the glory and praise. Your days were dark, but now they are filled with light and goodness, walk in it.

Lord, I will not be stubborn, nor speak out of time, nor walk out of your way, but I will wait patiently on you to lead me
in the way I should go.



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Our Spotlight is on You. Do you listen to understand what God intends for you to hear or do you just listen to reply?

Read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest, are not just words, but instructions given to us in the Bible. How much time do we spend in God's word to really read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them? Many of us twist God's words, we doubt God's words, and we do not truly believe God's word because we don't follow God's words. Many of us read God's word and still we are hungry for more. Why? We are only consuming the word, and not understanding the word. For some of us, it's like eating our food in great gulps without allowing the food we eat to digest. God's word needs to be digested, it needs to be broken down so that we could understand; for every portion of the word that is broken down is for our understanding, and should richly nourish our souls. We should be using the words that we read in Scripture to daily guide

us; the word should be like a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, it should be for us, the way, the truth and the life. If you have been reading the word, and you have not learned, marked or digested the word, then you cannot understand what God is saying to you. To know God and to understand his word, means, that we must not only read his word, but understand and apply them to our own lives, it's the way to know that the word is digested and it is feeding our hungry souls. Many have attempted to rewrite God's word, but one thing has been made perfectly clear to me, that with God's spoken word, nothing could be added or taken away from it. It can be twisted but it will revert back to its original meaning. God words will forever be the guiding light for our souls, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them.

Listening
=
Learning

I am learning to listen to understand.

Children's Corner: What have you done so far this Summer? Check through this puzzle.

- Fairground Fun
- Hotel Journey
- Pack Suitcase
- Summer Tent
- Family Ice-cream
- Post card Swim

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Match the correct answers to the questions

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
How were Paul and Silas freed from prison?	The Ark of the Covenant
With how many plagues did God inflict on Egypt before Pharaoh let the Israelites go?	Great gain
Who was Israel's firstborn son?	Now
According to Paul, what is the root of all evil?	By an earthquake
Paul teaches that in Christ, through faith, we can approach God with what?	The love of money
When is the day of salvation?	Reuben
'Godliness with contentment' is what?	Confidence
In 1 Sam. 4, what did the Israelites bring to aid them against the Philistines?	10



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Childhood songs that we have learned have been passed on for generations. Let's keep it going. If you have a song that you would like to share, email it. Here is one of my favorites as our featured children's song:

Father Lead Me Day By Day Written by *John P. Hopps - 1877*

Father, lead me day by day, ever in Thine own sweet way;
Teach me to be pure and true; show me what I ought to do.

When in danger, make me brave, make me know that Thou canst save;
Keep me safe by Thy dear side; let me in Thy love abide.

When I'm tempted to do wrong, make me steadfast, wise and strong;
And when all alone I stand, shield me with Thy mighty hand.

When my heart is full of glee, help me to remember Thee,
Happy most of all to know, that my Father loves me so.



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